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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CHARGE MAESTRONE'S NOVEMBER 4, 1975

LETTER TO SULTAN REQUESTED REFTEL:

QUOTE

AS YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN CONSIDERING YOUR REQUEST OF JUNE 11, 1975, TO NOMINATE AN EXPERT TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADVISORS OF THE QATTARA DEPRESSION PROJECT. I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO NOMINATE SUCH AN EXPERT AND I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH HIS NAME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

I SHOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT, BASED ON OUR STUDIES, IT DOES NOT AT THIS TIME APPEAR TO BE POSSIBLE THAT MAJOR EXCAVATION FOR THE QATTARA DEPRESSION PROJECT AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED COULD BE UNDERTAKEN USING PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES WITHOUT VIOLATING THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY. FOR THIS REASON, THE U.S. EXPERT, IN ADDITION TO HIS KNOWLEDGE IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD, WILL ALSO HAVE EXPERTISE IN CONVENTIONAL EXCAVATION TECHNIQUES. FURTHER, OUR

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WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST IN THE FEASIBILITY STUDY DOES NOT IN

ANY WAY COMMIT THE U.S. TO PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTUAL
PROJECT ITSELF OR TO ANY ASSOCIATION WITH IT IN ANY WAY, SHOULD
THE PROJECT BE UNDERTAKEN.

I TRUST THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION WILL BE OF USE TO YOU
AND LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED COOPERATION.

SINCERELY,

FRANK E. MAESTRONE
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.

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